

Holy Trinity Church



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday Mass: 9:00 a.m.

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Confessions:

- Saturday afternoons 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday mornings 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
- First Saturday of each month before Mass at 8:15 a.m. and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Heard upon request.

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Prayers for the Week

- Father, may everything I know about Mary lead me to new revelations about Jesus.
- “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest.”
- Father, “I wish to know Christ”. Grant me a Spirit of wisdom and insight to know You clearly.
- Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like Yours.
- Father, thank You for loving me so much that You gave me Your only Son. May I believe in Him and love Him totally.

CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

- Pre-School thru 6th : 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday
- Grades 7th thru 12th : 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Wednesday

Meetings:

- Council of Catholic Women: 2nd Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4th Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2nd Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- AA meetings Sundays in Trinity Hall at 6:00pm

Baptism:

- Please contact Fr. Patrick or the Church Office at least 4 weeks prior to the desired baptism date.
- Completion of the Baptismal Class is required.

Weddings:

- There is a six-month marriage preparation period in the Diocese of Knoxville.
- Contact Fr. Patrick for an appointment.

Planning to Move?

- Please keep your address and telephone number current on our church records.
- If you move out of the parish, we will need a forwarding address for your year-end contribution statements.

Parish Registration:

- If you attend Holy Trinity Church on a regular basis, you should complete a registration form.
- Remember that in order to receive sacraments (other than Confession or Eucharist), or to be a Godparent or Sponsor, you must be registered.
- Registration forms are available in the narthex & the church office & provide for the optional receipt of offertory envelopes. You may fill out the form in the office, mail it, or drop it in the collection basket

Dear Parishioners:

You have heard, I hope, that this week Pope Francis declared “A Year of St. Joseph.” This comes on the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being proclaimed the patron saint of the universal Church. As per his letter of December 8th, the year will run from that date until December 8th of next year. (The letter is titled: *Patris corde*, or “With a Father’s Heart.”) The letter emphasizes the role of Joseph as father, a “beloved, tender, and obedient” father. He was obedient to the desire of God the Father, as communicated to him by the Archangel Gabriel; he was a tender and loving earthly father to Jesus; he was beloved not only by Jesus and Mary but by all Christians since the earliest days. He was a courageous father and husband. He was a man who respected work.

In the closing of his letter, Pope Francis gives us a prayer to St. Joseph, which he encourages all to pray:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;

With you, Christ became man.

*Blessed Joseph, to us, too, show us yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and
Defend us from every evil. Amen.*

In our current Western culture where families and fatherhood are attacked and undermined, attention to St. Joseph is more than warranted. In fact, attention to spirituality for men is more than warranted. Women seem to come to a developed spiritual life much more readily than men do. I can remember walking into the GTU Bookstore in Berkeley one day some years ago and seeing nine shelves of books on women’s spirituality. Next to it was one, lonely, shelf of books on men’s spirituality.

One recent and excellent effort for increased understanding of and reliance on St. Joseph is Fr. Donald Calloway’s book *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, published in January of this year. The book lays a path of 33 days of preparation for a man’s consecration to St. Joseph followed by discussion of St. Joseph and a third section of prayers to St. Joseph. One can go through this consecration on one’s own, of course. But wouldn’t it be wonderful if a group of men from the parish wanted to do it as a group, with the mutual support that would mean. If several men of Holy Trinity parish are interested, I would be more than happy to set this up. Let me know.

Fr. Patrick

Holiday Mass Schedule

- **Our Lady of Guadalupe:
Saturday, December 12th**
 - 5:30am Rosary in the Church in Spanish
 - 7:00pm Mass in Spanish
 - A reception will follow Mass in the Parish Life Center. COVID-19 safety procedures will be enforced. Face masks required, social distancing, prepackaged food and no more than 50 people allowed.
- **Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24th**
 - 5:00pm Vigil Mass in English
 - 8:00pm Vigil Mass in Spanish
 - 10:00pm Vigil Mass in English
- **Christmas Day: Friday, December 25th**
 - 10:30am Mass in English
- **Mary Mother of God:
Thursday, December 31st**
 - 5:00pm Vigil Mass in English
 - 7:00pm Vigil Mass in Spanish
- **Mary Mother of God:
Friday, January 1st**
 - 10:30am Mass in English



Third Week of Advent

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



This weekend is Gaudete Sunday.

The rose color is used on the third Sunday of Advent, representing a growing sense of joy and preparation for Christmas. Gaudete means “to praise or celebrate”. In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the “Sunday of joy”.

Advent increases our Hope, A Hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.
Pope Francis

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday December 12 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Kathleen Austin+ by the parishioners
Saturday December 12 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday December 13 th	Mass at 10:00am For Kathy Schroer+ by Hal & Trish Morrill
Sunday December 13 th	Mass at 11:30am For Helen Lamb+ by Marie Ward
Tuesday December 15 th	Mass at 6:30pm For Our Country by Hal & Trish Morrill
Wednesday December 16 th	Mass at 9:00am For Helen LaShier by the parishioners
Thursday December 17 th	Mass at 9:00am For Donna McCormack by the parishioners
Friday December 18 th	Mass at 9:00am For Mary Ellen & John Resen+ by Father Patrick
Saturday December 19 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Joseph & Genevieve Giedrycz by Bonita Giedrycz
Saturday December 19 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday December 20 th	Mass at 10:00am For Joe Reynolds+ by Marie Ward
Sunday December 20 th	Mass at 11:30am For Ivan Ojeda+ by Marie Ward

Saturday December 19 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	June Lich
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, December 20 th 10:00am / 11:30am	
Deacon 10:00	Jack Raymond
Lector 10:00	Frank Longo
Deacon 11:30	Jack Raymond
Lector 11:30	Frank Longo

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10am / 11:30am
12/06/2020	45	53	57 / 51

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 5,306	Collection: \$ 5,306
Fixed Expense:	\$ 5,691	Fixed Expense: \$ 5,691
Difference:	\$ (385)	Difference: \$ (385)

Knights of Columbus- There will not be a general meeting on Tuesday, December 22nd

Do not Miss Little Bethlehem Wood



Carving. Little Bethlehem will be here this weekend, **December 12th & 13th**. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase beautifully crafted items from the Holy Land. They will be set up in the Parish Life Center before and after Mass. COVID restrictions are to be observed.

Christmas Donations given in a Christmas envelope prior to Christmas, and all donations given at the Christmas Eve Masses or Christmas Day Mass will have **50% remain at Holy Trinity and 50% sent to the diocese.** Please be mindful of this fact when making your year-end contributions.

Year-end Charitable Giving: Your year-end charitable donation must meet the following requirements. #1) the check must be **dated 2020**, and then if you mail your check, it must be **postmarked in 2020!** Then #2) if you decide to hand your check into the church office, or collection basket, the check **must** be turned in **on or before December 31, 2020.** Thank You.



Christmas cards for our homebound and those in nursing homes can be dropped off in the narthex. Contact the church office for a list of names 865-471-0347. The cards will then be sorted and delivered to each of the recipients. Think of how you are brightening the days of these parishioners. Thank you for your act of kindness. **Cards must be dropped off by December 20th.**



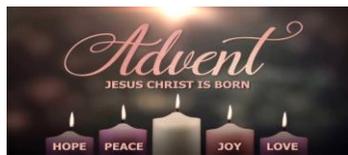
The 2021 Calendars are now available in the narthex by the blue doors.

Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas by signing up at
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>
for daily videos during Advent.

Empty Manger Christmas Caroling - On

Friday, December 18th there will be the annual **Empty Manger Christmas Caroling** event in front of Planned Parenthood, **10 - 11am**. Fr. Tim Sullivan of Immaculate Conception Church will lead the Rosary at 10am, Mark Reda will play the guitar, and Katie Helms will play the bagpipes. Music sheets will be available. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided by the ladies of Immaculate Conception. Masks will be worn. The empty manger in every Christmas nativity represents the joyful anticipation of the coming of our Savior; our hope and prayer is that each new precious gift of life would be equally welcomed with joy. Prepare to welcome Jesus into your heart with joy, lift your voice in praise and hopefully, we change hearts and minds of women and **SAVE A LIFE!**

Advent Meditation: O Jesus, in an empty desert your prophet John proclaimed: God is here, at your side. God has come to bring about a kingdom where injustice and suffering will be no more, where tears will be wiped away, and where those who turn to God will feast at a banquet. "Turn now; your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives; God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert, John said these things. Give me faith like John's, O Lord, strong enough to believe even in a desert that you and your kingdom are no farther from me than my hand. Make my heart strong like his, not swayed by trials or snared by false pleasures. Give me courage to be faithful until your promises are fulfilled. O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people.



Prayer for "Shopping during Advent"

Dear God, as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life. But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centered on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.



Poinsettias - A tradition at Holy Trinity is for parishioners to purchase a poinsettia(s) in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. The poinsettias are used to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season. Cost of the poinsettias is \$15 each. There are printed envelopes in the narthex and you can put your check or cash in one and fill the front out. Please be sure to mark your check or envelope with poinsettia if you don't use a preprinted envelope.



Significance of Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh:

The Magi presented Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts were very prophetic for they spoke of our Lord's offices of King, Priest, and Savior. Gold: This carries obvious significance. It's precious and worthy across all cultures and times. It's a gift fit for royalty. It says to the Christ child, You are a King. Frankincense: Ancient people burned frankincense, believing it to carry their prayers to heaven. Its use as incense illustrates His role as our Priest. Myrrh: The Egyptians made it famous in Biblical times, having acquired myrrh about the fifteenth century B.C. from Africa. It was used in incense, perfumes and holy ointments, but its most notable use to them was that of an embalming material, used in Egyptian mummies. As an embalming ointment, it signified that Jesus was born to die for the world. In fact, Myrrh was one of the burial spices of Jesus (John 19:39).

Birthday presents for Jesus--



You can present Jesus with these birthday gifts during Advent: attend Mass during the week; go to confession; Call someone who might be lonely; Write a letter or note to someone who is hurting or forgotten; Decide to forgive someone; "Buy" an animal from Heifer International; Invite someone to church; Pray for someone you don't like; Visit an elderly person or someone who is alone; and Read a spiritual book.

**"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."
St. Teresa of Calcutta**